What is claimed is:

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- 1. Isolated nucleic acid comprising DNA encoding DNA19355 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues X to 177 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), wherein X is any one of amino acid residues 48 to 57 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1).
- 2. The nucleic acid of claim 1 comprising DNA encoding DNA19355 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 177 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1).
- 3. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1 or claim 2.
- 4. The vector of claim 3 operably linked to control sequences recognized by a host cell transformed with the vector.
- 5. A host cell comprising the vector of claim 3.
- 6. The host cell of claim 5 wherein said cell is a CHO cell.
- 7. The host cell of claim 5 wherein said cell is an E. coli.
- 20 8. The host cell of claim 5 wherein said cell is a yeast cell.
 - 9. A process for producing DNA19355 polypeptides comprising culturing the host cell of claim 5 under conditions suitable for expression of DNA19355 and recovering DNA19355 from the cell culture.
 - 10. Isolated DNA19355 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 177 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1).
- 11. Isolated DNA19355 polypeptide having at least about 80% amino acid sequence 30 identity with native sequence DNA19355 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 177 of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1).
 - 12. The DNA19355 polypeptide of claim 11 having at least about 90% amino acid sequence identity.

- 13. The DNA19355 polypeptide of claim 12 having at least about 95% amino acid sequence identity.
- 14. The DNA19355 polypeptide of claim 11 wherein said polypeptide binds to human GITR.
 - 15. Isolated DNA19355 polypeptide comprising:

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- (a) amino acid residues X to 177 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), wherein X is any one of amino acid residues 48 to 57 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1); or
- 10 (b) a fragment of (a), wherein said fragment is biologically active.
 - 16. Isolated DNA19355 polypeptide encoded by the cDNA insert of the vector deposited as ATCC 209466.
- 15 17. A chimeric molecule comprising DNA19355 polypeptide fused to a heterologous amino acid sequence.
 - 18. The chimeric molecule of claim 17 wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is an epitope tag sequence.
 - 19. The chimeric molecule of claim 17 wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is a Fc region of an immunoglobulin.
- 20. The chimeric molecule of claim 17 wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is a leucine zipper.
 - 21. A chimeric molecule comprising DNA19355 polypeptide fused to a nonproteinaceous polymer.
- 30 22. An antibody which specifically binds to DNA19355 polypeptide.
 - 23. The antibody of claim 22 wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
- 24. A method of inducing apoptosis in mammalian cancer cells comprising exposing mammalian cancer cells to an effective amount of DNA19355 polypeptide.

- 25. A method of stimulating a proinflammatory response in mammalian cells, comprising exposing said mammalian cells to an effective amount of DNA19355 polypeptide.
- 5 26. The method of claim 25 wherein said mammalian cells are T cells.